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Re patent application of Helmuth GABL et al

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Group Art Unit: 1723

For: Screen And Process For Manufacturing A Screen Of This Kind

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed October 25, 2002 Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 as follows:

The connection between rods and supporting elements is essentially positive, i.e. without plastic deformation of the individual components or additional connecting links, such as weld seams. A screen of this type can be made, for example, by pressing the rods together with the supporting elements until they lock into place. Another form of manufacture is to bend the supporting elements open elastically so that the receptacle 6 for the rods expand and the individual rods 1 can be inserted. When the supporting elements have sprung back into place, a level screen mat is formed by the clamped profile rods. Thanks to the above mentioned design as snap connection, this process permits the rods 1 to be inserted precisely into the supporting elements 2, thus lowering the slot width tolerances. If this level screen is then shaped into a screen basket, the clamping effect is increased further due to the bending radios